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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Claude LAURENT  
STRUCTURAL MEMBER COMPRISING A BODY AND REINFORCING  
RIBS AND CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE  
Our Ref. Q62700

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including six (6) pages of the specification including eight (8) claims, an Abstract of the Disclosure, three (3) sheets of formal drawing containing Figs. 1-4e, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Form PTO-1595 and executed Assignment document.

**Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT before calculating the filing fee.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u> - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							\$710.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$750.00</u></b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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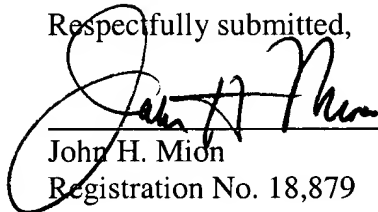
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Priority is claimed from January 17, 2000 based on French Application No. 00 00535.  
The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



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